# MINUTES OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOARD MEETING JUNE 15, 2011

# INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH 10 N. SENATE AVENUE – CONFERENCE ROOM 19 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Members present were Kevin Tully, Vice President; Dave Collins; Joe Evans; Kent Tolliver and Randy Maxwell. Also in attendance from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Randy Gillespie, Chief Financial Officer; Manager of Customer Communications; Nancy Manly, Director of Budget; Michelle Marshel, Deputy Commissioner of Communications; Joshua Richardson, Deputy Commissioner of Unemployment; Scott Sanders, Deputy Commissioner Systems Information and Analysis and Joe Frank.

Mr. Tully welcomed guest.

Mr. Tully called the meeting to order at 10am and recognized a quorum was present.

#### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Sanders began the Commissioner's report in Commissioner Everson's absence. He stated Commissioner Everson was in Southern Indiana on state business and was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Sanders gave an update on recent management changes in the agency and welcomed Josh Richardson as our new Deputy Commissioner of Unemployment Insurance Operations. He stated that Ron Miller, General Counsel for the Agency will be leaving the agency at the end of the week to pursue a roll in the private sector.

# **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

Ms. Marshel began with a communications update. She passed around a handout that highlighted the information that will be going out on a post card preparing employers for the changes that will take effect with the new Unemployment Insurance Bill. She also pointed out there will be an advertisement for the On-the-Job-Training programs offered by the agency. There was a short discussion explaining the details of a regular planned shutdown as it relates to the new UI law. Josh Richardson explained that the employer should have a clear policy regarding what is considered a planned shutdown. The employee should be aware of the shut down at least six months in advance. Short discussion ensued.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Tully asked the members to review the minutes from the May 18, 2011 meeting. Kent Tolliver motioned for approval of the minutes and Randy Maxwell seconded the motion, motion approved.

#### **OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

Mr. Richardson gave an update on metrics. He directed everyone's attention to the Unemployment Rate Map that shows the US unemployment rate at 9.0 and Indiana's

unemployment rate at 8.2 and commented stating that was a good sign if we are below the nation's average. He then directed attention to the claims slide and stated we will see the savings effects of temporary planned shutdown legislation next July.

He stated that we are starting to see consistency with lower authority of appeals quality and processing timeliness.

Mr. Gillespie gave an update on the Trust Fund. He stated \$70 million was paid out in State benefits and \$46 million was credited to the trust fund due to FUTA payments that were received.

He reviewed the monthly board report and stated there was \$424 million in premiums received in May and \$72 million in benefits paid. He also discussed the Penalty and Interest fund with the board. He reviewed the balance and stated there was \$3 million available after the resolutions are paid out.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Tully asked if the members had any new business, there were none.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mr. Evans commented on the resolutions that will be introduced at next months meeting. Mr. Collins would like to review the mission statement for Vincennes University. Discussion ensued.

The next board meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup> 2011.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.